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For:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING THE POWER SUPPLY

OF A SUBCONTROLLER USING A MONITORING TASK AND A

PREDETERMINED TIME-OUT PERIOD (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 in the aboveidentified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. \(\script \) If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. \(\bigveref{\sigma} \) If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.

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